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Application No.: 09/505,887) Examiner: C. Dexter
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING POSITIVE CONTROL OF A PRINTABLE MEDIUM IN A PRINTING SYSTEM))))
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BRIEF FOR APPELLANT

Sir:

This appeal is from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated May 20, 2003 (Paper No.), finally rejecting claims 20-23 and 27, which are reproduced as an Appendix to this brief.

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IX. Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejections of claims 20-23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,623,386 to Bach, *et al* (Bach) and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,623,386 to Bach, *et al* (Bach) be REVERSED.

Respectfully submitted,

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